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### NORTH HILLS BUSINESSMAN CHARGED WITH FRAUD

United States Attorney Mary Beth Buchanan announced today, February 22, 2007, that Timothy Heffner of Gibsonia, Pennsylvania, has been indicted by a federal grand jury in Pittsburgh on charges of mail fraud, wire fraud, conspiracy, filing false tax returns and tax evasion.

The fifteen-count indictment, which was returned on February 14, 2007, and unsealed today, named Heffner, as the sole defendant.

According to the indictment, Heffner was the sole shareholder and owner of Biotech Corporation of America. The indictment alleges that Heffner through BCA paid kickbacks to the product manager of Sigma Aldrich's Rare Chemical Library division in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to increase BCA's sales to that company. BCA is alleged to have received approximately \$4.4 Million in gross revenues from Sigma Aldrich during the period when Heffner paid kickbacks and bribes. The indictment also alleges that Heffner filed false corporate tax returns and committed tax evasion.

Assistant United States Attorney Paul E. Hull, who presented the case to the grand jury, indicated that the law provides for a maximum total sentence of 144 years in prison, a fine of \$3,750,000.00, or both. Under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, the actual sentence imposed would be based upon the seriousness of the offenses and the prior criminal history, if any, of the defendant.

The Internal Revenue Service - Criminal Investigation and the United States Postal Inspection Service, Northern Regional Police, Pennsylvania Attorney General, Shaler Police Department, and Ross Police Department conducted the investigation leading to the indictment in this case.

An indictment is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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